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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN NEWS ROUNDUP - THURSDAY JULY 26.

1. CHINA COULD BECOME A MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPORTER OF AUSTRALIAN IRON ORE THAN JAPAN IS, THE MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TRADE (DR. CAIRNS) FORECAST LAST NIGHT. INTERVIEWED ON RADIO AUSTRALIA HE SAID AUSTRALIAN ORE COULD BECOME A VITAL PART OF CHINA'S PLANNED IRON AND STEEL COMPLEXES. AGE.

2. VISITING CHINESE TRADE DELEGATES SAID YESTERDAY AUSTRALIA WOULD SUPPLY 7 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF SUGAR TO CHINA NEXT YEAR UNDER A NEW TRADE AGREEMENT. THE STATEMENT IS CONSIDERED AN EXPRESSION OF INTENTION. CANB. TIMES.

3. AGE EDITORIAL GAVE BALANCED ASSESSMENT OF CHINA TRADE PROSPECTS AND CONCLUDED THOUGH NOT A MAJOR PARTNER CHINA TRADE WILL ALLOW FLEXIBILITY TO AUSTRALIAN TRADE PATTERNS AND FOREIGN POLICY.

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RM ACTION BY P.M. WHITLAM TO CIRCULATE PROTEST LETTER ON

FRENCH TESTS IN THE U.N. FRONT PAGE IN MOST AUSTRALIAN  
NEWSPAPERS.

5. EDITORIAL IN SYDNEY MORNING HERALD CONTRASTED WHITLAM  
PULL OUT FROM ANZUK AND CONTEMPT FOR SEATO WITH IRANIAN MOVES  
TO IMPROVE CENTO. CONCLUDED: "THE DIFFERENCE COULD BE THAT  
BETWEEN REALISM AND UNREALISM."

6. AUSTRALIAN NAVY IS PREPARING PLANS TO EQUIP ENTIRE FLEET  
WITH OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM. FRONTPAGE REPORT IN AGE  
SAYS PREPARATIONS ARE BEING MADE IN ADVANCE OF HEARINGS ON  
OMEGA SYSTEM.

7. AGE CORRESPONDENT JOHN JOST REPORTS MR. ALAN RENOUF,  
AUSTRALIA'S AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE WILL BE APPOINTED HEAD OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT BY P.M. WHITLAM. JOST'S OPINION  
NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY OTHER REPORTS.

8. AGE CORRESPONDENT ALLAN BARNES ACCOMPANYING P.M. WHITLAM  
IN MEXICO SAYS THE P.M. WILL REASSURE PRESIDENT NIXON NEXT  
WEEK THAT AUSTRALIA IS NOT PLANNING TO WITHDRAW FROM THE  
S.E.ASIA TREATY ORGANIZATION. HOWEVER, MR. WHITLAM WILL  
INSIST THAT THE ORGANIZATION TAKE UP A LESS HOSTILE POSITION  
TOWARDS CHINA.  
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